

**AGENDA – April 20, 2016 - 8:30 AM  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMPLEX  
410 Capitol Avenue – Room 470-A/B - Hartford, CT**

**Chair Updates**

**Open Forum**

**Additional Agenda Items and Reordering of Agenda**

**2016 Legislative Session: February 3, 2016 – May 4, 2016 - Update**

**SCHOOL ISSUES**

RN/LPN Program Statistics

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

*March 2016 Summary*

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING - Update**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*March 23, 2016; April 6, 2016*

**MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

- Kathryn Jaworski, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2015-1194
- Michelle Murphy, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-265

**LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUEST**

- Sara Kaiser, LPN

**CONSENT ORDERS**

- Danielle Dragon, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2016-349 – Linda Fazzina

**HEARINGS**

<i>Gregory Klimaytis, R.N</i>	<i>Petition No. 2016-131</i>	<i>Diane Wilan</i>
<i>Todd Stockheimer RN</i>	<i>Reinstatement Hearing</i>	<i>David Tilles</i>
<i>Rachel Brazee RN -</i>	<i>Petition No. 2015-1333</i>	<i>Linda Fazzina</i>
<i>Shawna Hartle, RN</i>	<i>Petition No. 2015-1028</i>	<i>Joelle Newton</i>
<i>Jasmine Rivera Gonzalez, RN</i>	<i>Petition No. 2014-517</i>	<i>Diane Wilan</i>
<i>Erin Arndt, RN</i>	<i>Petition No. 2015-484</i>	<i>Joelle Newton</i>
<i>Katherine Mezzi, L.P.N.</i>	<i>Petition No. 2014-1195</i>	<i>Joelle Newton</i>

The Board may hold a fact-finding meeting immediately following the close of the record.

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The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on March 23, 2016 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Room 470-A/B, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Jennifer Long, APRN  
Carrie Simon, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member  
Geraldine Marrocco, RN  
Gina M. Reiners, RN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy M. Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Kathleen Boulware, RN, Public Health Services Manager, DPH  
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH  
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

#### **STUDENTS**

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Hartford, University of Connecticut and Central Connecticut State University

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Patricia Bouffard announce the resignation of Ellen Komar, RN from the Board. Ms. Bouffard expressed thanks for Ms. Komar's service.

An update on National Council State Board of Nursing issues will be deferred to the April meeting.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

NONE

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Kathleen Boulware, RN, Public Health Services Manager, DPH provided an update regarding pending legislation.

#### **SCHOOL ISSUES**

##### **Porter and Chester Institute**

Patricia Donovan, MSN, RN was present to discuss a proposed change to Porter and Chester Institute's practical nurse program.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Carrie Simon, to approve a change in the practical nurse program from 12 months to fifteen months effective July 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

Connecticut League for Nursing - RN Refresher Program

Jane Murdock, EdD, MS, RN and Susan Deane, MSN, RN, CNE were present from the Connecticut League for Nursing to provide an update on the transition of the Registered Nurse On-Line Refresher Program from Charter Oak State College to the Connecticut League for Nursing.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to approve the Connecticut League for Nursing RN refresher program using American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) criteria. The motion passed unanimously

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a synopsis of the scope of practice inquires made to the Department of Public Health.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 2016

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Carrie Simon who abstained.

**CONSENT ORDERS**

Amy Tagg, RN

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Amy Tagg, RN. Ms. Tagg was present but not represented by counsel. Jennifer Long moved to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Carrie Simon and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

**MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

Presley Eze, L.P.N - Petition No. 2013-899

Jennifer Long moved to affirm the Board's prior decision placing Mr. Eze's license on probation for four years. The motion was seconded by Carrie Simon and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Lisa Kuba, L.P.N - Petition No. 2015-739

Jennifer Long moved to affirm the Board's prior decision revoking Ms. Kuba's license. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

**PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Alycia Witzman, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-495

Attorney John Androski was present on behalf of Ms. Witzman. Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Newton indicated that the Department was not taking a position on respondent's petition for reconsideration.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to reconsider the Board's February 17, 2016 Memorandum of Decision and to reopen the hearing. The motion passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for June 15, 2016

Arlene Dumais, R.N., A.P.R.N. – Petition Nos. 2015-829; 2015-830

Ms. Dumais was present with Pamela Dole RN. Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, not to reconsider the Board's February 17, 2016 Memorandum of Decision in that (1) respondent had already complied with an education requirement set forth in the Decision; and (2) the Board clarified the requirement as to providing a copy of the Decision to any educational institutions should Respondent pursue further training in any subject area that is regulated by the Department. The motion passed unanimously.

### **MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

#### **DAWN PALMER, RN**

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Dawn Palmer. Ms. Palmer was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Mary Brown moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for April 20, 2016.

#### **GREGORY KLIMAYTIS, RN**

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Gregory Klimaytis. Mr. Klimaytis was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Jennifer Long moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed with all in favor.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for April 20, 2016.

#### **Samantha Angelini, RN**

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Samantha Angelini. Ms. Angelini was present but was not represented by counsel.

Jennifer Long moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed with all in favor.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for April 20, 2016. A copy of the Notice of Hearing and the Summary Suspension Order were handed to Ms. Angelini.

### **CONSENT ORDERS**

#### **Karen Greenland, RN**

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Karen Greenland, RN. Ms. Greenland was not present and was not represented by counsel. Jennifer Long moved to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Carrie Simon and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

#### **Dorsey Saunders, LPN**

Staff Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Dorsey Saunders, LPN. Ms. Saunders was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mary Brown moved to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Carrie Simon and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

*BREAK 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.*

### **HEARINGS**

#### **VINAL TECH – LPN PROGRAM CLOSURE**

Patricia Fennessy, RN was present on behalf of the Connecticut Technical High School System and Regina Wrenn, RN was present on behalf of Vinal Technical School.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Mary Brown moved, and Carrie Simon seconded, that due the programs failure to maintain an passing rate of at least 80% of the students taking the licensing examination as required by regulations, the program be allowed to continue so that the current class can graduate in January 2017. If the current class does attain an 80 percent pass rate on the NCLEX examination the program will be closed.

MS. Brown and Ms. Simon were in favor of the motion; Ms. Long and Ms. Bouffard were opposed. The motion failed.

Ms. Brown made a motion, seconded by Ms. Simon to defer fact-finding to the next Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Rachel Brazee, RN – Petition No. 2015-1333

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Brazee was not present and was not represented by counsel. All mailings of the Notice of Hearing to respondent have been returned as undeliverable.

The hearing will be rescheduled to April 20, 2016 to allow for additional attempts to provide notice to respondent.

John Sherman, RN – Petition No. 2014-1199

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Sherman was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Jennifer Long moved and Carrie Simon seconded that Mr. Sherman be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded to issue an Order revoking Mr. Sherman's license. The motion passed unanimously.

Matthew Hopkins, RN – Petition No. 2014-1199

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Hopkins was present but was not represented by counsel.

Mr. Hopkins requested a continuance so he could seek counsel. The request was granted.

The hearing will be rescheduled to May 18, 2016

Leslie Matejek, RN – Petition No. 2015-888

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Matejek was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Testimony was provided by Lavita Sookram, RN, Department of Public Health.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Mary Brown moved and Carrie Simon seconded that Ms. Matejek be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Carrie Simon seconded to issue an Order revoking Ms. Matejek's license. The motion passed unanimously.

Lourdes Mercado, LPN – Petition No. 2015-512

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Mercado was present but was not represented by counsel.

Testimony was provided by Dana Dalton, RN, Department of Public Health and from respondent.

*LUNCH BREAK 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to enter executive session to take testimony regarding a sealed exhibit. The motion passed unanimously and the hearing entered executive session from 2:12 p.m. until 2:19 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to enter executive session to take testimony regarding a sealed exhibit. The motion passed unanimously and the hearing entered executive session from 3:40 p.m. until 3:50 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Mercado be found as for paragraph 1, 2, 3a (as it pertains to tablets), 3b and 3c of the Statement of Charges, but that she not be found for paragraph 3a as it pertains blister packs. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to issue an Order placing Ms. Mercado's license on probation for three years with a requirement for monthly employer reports, and, within the first six months of probation, respondent is to complete course work in medication administration; time management and nursing ethics. In addition, respondent is to complete eight hours of observed medication administrations within the first three months of returning to practice. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair  
Board of Examiners for Nursing

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The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 6, 2016 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in the third floor Hearing Room.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair – *via telephone*  
Mary M. Brown, RN – *via telephone*  
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member – *via telephone*  
Geraldine Marrocco, RN – *via telephone*  
Gina M. Reiners, RN – *via telephone*  
Carrie Simon, Public Member – *via telephone*

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jennifer Long, APRN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy M. Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Joanne V. Yandow, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH  
Patricia Fennessy, RN, Connecticut Technical High School System – *via telephone*  
Regina Wrenn, RN, Vinal Technical School – *via telephone*

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

#### **FACT-FINDING**

##### Vinal Technical School, Middletown, CT – LPN Program Closure

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Carrie Simon, to vacate the vote from fact-finding on March 23, 2016. The motion passed with all in favor except Geraldine Marrocco who abstained.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that due to the program's failure to maintain an average passing rate of at least 80% of the students taking the licensing examination as required by regulations, to delay the current class to graduate in January 2107 and to take the NCLEX examination. If the pass rate on the examination is less than 80 percent the program will be ordered to close. Mary Brown voted in favor of the motion. All other Board members voted in opposition, therefore the motion failed.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, second by Carrie Simon, to issue a decision recommending to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health that the LPN program at Vinal Technical School be closed immediately. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Brown who was opposed.

Mary Brown and Lisa Freeman left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, second by Carrie Simon, recommending that closure of the program proceed pursuant to § 20-90-47(h) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (Public Health Code). The motion passed with all members present voting in favor.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair  
Board of Examiners for Nursing